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In re Application of: **R. Riman and J. Ballato**

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For: **RARE EARTH DOPED LANTHANIDE NANOPARTICLES**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to a first office action on the merits of this United States application, please amend the above-identified application as follows: